

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

JAMALL S. BAKER,

Plaintiff,

v.

TAMMY O'REILLY, et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C21-361 MJP

ORDER DENYING STIPULATED  
MOTION TO CONTINUE

This matter comes before the Court on the Parties' Stipulated Motion to Continue Trial Date and Related Dates. (Dkt. No. 248.) Having reviewed the Motion and all supporting materials, the Court DENIES the Motion.

The Parties ask the Court to extend the trial date and remaining pretrial deadlines by approximately three months. They also ask the Court to extend three deadlines that have expired—the discovery deadline, discovery motion deadline, and dispositive motion deadline. The Parties claim that the Court's Order on Defendants' Motion for Partial Summary Judgment

1 has “significantly affect[ed] the parties’ trial preparations, prospects of settlement, and need for  
2 limited additional discovery.” (Mot. at 1.)

3       The Parties have failed to demonstrate good cause to support any of the requested  
4 extensions. First, the Parties have not explained why or how the Court’s Order on Defendants’  
5 Motion for Partial Summary Judgment has affected the trial preparations or why they cannot be  
6 ready to try this matter on March 17, 2025. From the Court’s perspective, the Order merely  
7 provided guidance on what damages are available, and it did not expand or diminish the issues to  
8 be tried. As such, the Court does not find the Order alone to merit any extension of the case  
9 deadlines. Second, the Parties have not explained what “limited additional discovery” they wish  
10 to conduct and why it could not have been completed in the deadlines that the Court set. The  
11 Court sees no reason to permit additional discovery without further specificity from the Parties.  
12 Third, the Parties have not explained why the Court should set yet another dispositive motion  
13 deadline and what issues should be briefed that could not already have been raised before the  
14 deadline the Court set expired on November 18, 2024.

15       On the record before it, the Court finds a lack of good cause to extend the case schedule.  
16 The Court DENIES the Motion. The Court’s denial is without prejudice to a renewed motion that  
17 addresses the Court’s concerns and sets forth good cause. Additionally, the Parties should be  
18 aware that the Court will need to move the trial date to March 24, 2025 to accommodate a  
19 scheduling conflict. The Court accordingly EXTENDS the trial date from March 17, 2025 to  
20 March 24, 2025. All other deadlines shall remain unchanged.

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1 The clerk is ordered to provide copies of this order to all counsel.

2 Dated February 6, 2025.

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5 United States Senior District Judge  
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